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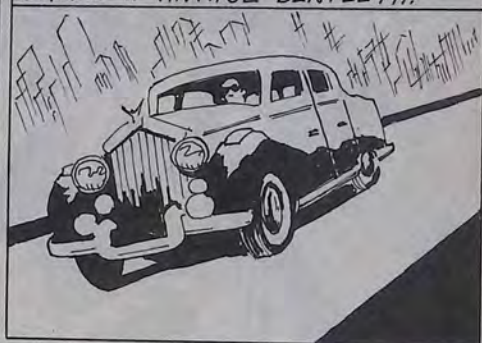
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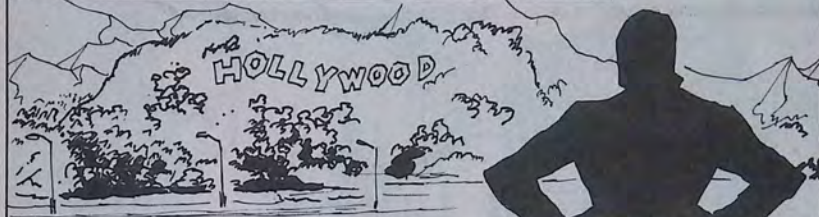
THAT'S BECAUSE THIS PARTICULAR CELEBRITY...

... HOLDS ANOTHER MAN'S LIFE IN HIS HANDS!

THE ROBERT SHAPIRO STORY



ROBERT SHAPIRO WAS BORN AN ONLY CHILD 52 YEARS AGO IN NEW JERSEY, TO WORKING CLASS PARENTS.



SOON AFTER HIS BIRTH, HOWEVER, HIS FATHER, A FACTORY WORKER, MOVES THE FAMILY WEST, TO LOS ANGELES.

THE YOUNG ROBERT IS NOT PARTICULARLY POPULAR IN GRADE SCHOOL



BUT BY THE TIME HE'S BAR MITZVAHED AND ENTERING HIGH SCHOOL, HE'S BEGINNING TO DEVELOP HIS TRADEMARK STYLE.



IN HIGH SCHOOL AND AS A FRATERNITY MEMBER AT U.C.L.A. UNDERGRAD, SHAPIRO IS REMEMBERED FOR HIS TALKATIVE CHARM, HIS BIG HAIR, HIS PERPETUAL TAN, AND HIS FANCY SUITS.



AFTER U.C.L.A., SHAPIRO ENTERS LOYOLA LAW SCHOOL.



HE GRADUATES IN 1968.

HIS FIRST, BRIEF MARRIAGE ENDS IN ANNULMENT IN 1969. THAT SAME YEAR, HE MEETS MODEL LINELL THOMAS. A YEAR LATER, THE TWO ARE MARRIED.

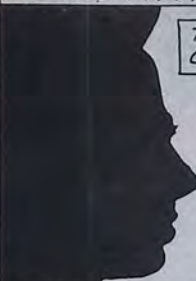


FOLLOWING LAW SCHOOL, SHAPIRO SECURES A POSITION AS A LOS ANGELES DEPUTY D.A.



HE CUTS HIS TEETH WORKING AS A PROSECUTOR HERE, DEEP WITHIN THE LOS ANGELES LEGAL MACHINE.

AFTER THREE YEARS AS A DEPUTY D.A., SHAPIRO DECIDES TO GO INTO PRIVATE PRACTICE.



THEN, IN 1975, HE GETS HIS BIG BREAK.



LINDA LOVELACE, FAMOUS FOR HER ROLE IN THE ADULT FILM "DEEP THROAT," HIRES HIM TO HANDLE A DRUG POSSESSION CHARGE.

SHAPIRO GETS THE CHARGE DISMISSED - AND SO BEGINS HIS LONG LIST OF CELEBRITY CLIENTS.



HE DEFENDS SUCH WELL-KNOWN FIGURES AS JOHNNY CARSON, DARRYL STRAWBERRY, ROD STEWART, AND EVEN FELLOW CELEBRITY LAWYER F. LEE BAILEY (ON A 1982 DRUNK DRIVING CHARGE).

IN 1990, HE HANDLES HIS MOST PUBLICIZED CASE YET: THE MURDER CHARGE AGAINST CHRISTIAN BRANDO, MARLON BRANDO'S SON.



SHAPIRO MANAGES TO GET THE CHARGE REDUCED TO MANSLAUGHTER - CONFIRMING HIS REPUTATION AS AN EXCELLENT NEGOTIATOR.

MANY CONSIDER THE KEY TO SHAPIRO'S CELEBRITY CLIENTELE TO BE THE SPECIAL CARE HE DEVOTES TO THEM.



SOURCES SAY HE BECOMES MORE THAN A LAWYER TO THEM. HE ENCOURAGES THEM, VISITS THEM AT HOME, AND SPENDS HOURS ON THE PHONE WITH THEM.

YET DESPITE HIS FAMOUS CUSTOMERS—AND A FEE IN THE RANGE OF \$500 AN HOUR—SHAPIRO IS SAID TO BE A SOLID FAMILY MAN AND A MAN OF MILD HABITS.



HE LOVES CARROT JUICE AND FRESH FRUIT, AND RECENTLY COACHED HIS SON'S SOCCER TEAM TO AN UNDEFEATED SEASON. USING, HE SAYS, "STRATEGY — THE SAME THING I BRING TO THE COURTROOM."

THIS WAS THE LIFE SHAPIRO ENJOYED UNTIL JUNE 13, 1994. IT IS ON THAT NIGHT THAT HE RECEIVES AN EMERGENCY PHONE CALL FROM FRIENDS OF O.J. SIMPSON.



SHAPIRO, OUT SOCIALIZING AT THE L.A. NIGHTSPOT "HOUSE OF BLUES," SETS AN APPOINTMENT TO MEET SIMPSON THE NEXT DAY. AT THE MEETING, HE'S HIRED TO TAKE OVER THE DEFENSE OF O.J. SIMPSON ON CHARGES OF MURDER.

SHAPIRO TAKES OVER O.J.'S CASE FROM FELLOW L.A. LAWYER, HOWARD WEITZMAN.



THE RUMOR IS THAT WEITZMAN EITHER QUIT OR WAS FIRED AFTER HE ALLOWED O.J. TO GIVE A THREE-HOUR INTERVIEW TO POLICE.



WEITZMAN CLAIMS HE'S LEAVING THE CASE DUE TO HIS "OTHER COMMITMENTS." EITHER WAY, SHAPIRO IS REPORTEDLY NOT HAPPY ABOUT THE POLICE INTERVIEW.

AMID A MEDIA EXPLOSION, SHAPIRO'S FIRST CONCERN IS TO GET O.J. THROUGH HIS PLEA OF NOT GUILTY.



FOLLOWING THIS, A GRAND JURY IS CONVENED TO CONSIDER INDICTING O.J. FOR MURDER. BEFORE THE JURY ARRIVES AT A DECISION, HOWEVER, SHAPIRO STUNS EVERYONE BY GETTING THE JURY DISMISSED.

SHAPIRO'S GROUNDS FOR THIS IS THAT THE JURY HAS BEEN TAINTED BY THE EXCESSIVE MEDIA, INCLUDING TV REPORTS, MAGAZINE ARTICLES, AND EVEN A TACKY COMIC BOOK!



WITH THE GRAND JURY GONE, A HEARING MUST NOW BE HELD IN ORDER TO INDICT O.J.-THIS GIVES SHAPIRO A VALUABLE CHANCE TO PREVIEW THE PROSECUTION'S CASE.

ON JUNE 30, 1994, THE HEARING BEGINS. IT PLAYS BEFORE THE CAMERAS LIKE A "MINI-TRIAL", AND THE PARADE OF WITNESSES FASCINATES THE NATION.



KATO KAE LIN



LIMO DRIVER
ALLAN PARK



CORONER GOLDEN



JUDGE KATHLEEN
KENNEDY POWELL



DETECTIVE
VANNATTER



DETECTIVE FUHRMAN



ARNELLE SIMPSON

SUPERIOR COURT
OF
CALIFORNIA

THE KEY MOMENT IN THE HEARING OCCURS WHEN THE ARRESTING DETECTIVES PROVIDE PARTICULARLY DAMNING TESTIMONY.



WELL, WE
OBSERVED BLOOD
DROPS ON THE
DRIVEWAY...

SHAPIRO THEN MAKES HIS PLAY. BACKED BY THE BRILLIANT LEGAL MINDS WHICH COMPRISE THE REST OF TEAM O.J., HE ATTEMPTS TO HAVE THE SEARCH OF O.J.'S HOUSE DECLARED UNCONSTITUTIONAL.



GERALD UELMAN



F. LEE BAILEY



IF HE'S SUCCESSFUL, ALL THE
DETECTIVES' EVIDENCE WILL BE
INADMISSABLE; THE PROSECUTION'S
CASE WILL CEASE TO EXIST.



JOHNNY COCHRAN



ALAN DERSHOWITZ

ON JULY 7, 1994, JUDGE KATHLEEN KENNEDY POWELL MAKES HER RULING: THE EVIDENCE STAYS.



AS A RESULT, POWELL RULES ONE DAY LATER THAT O.J. SIMPSON WILL STAND TRIAL ON CHARGES OF MURDER.

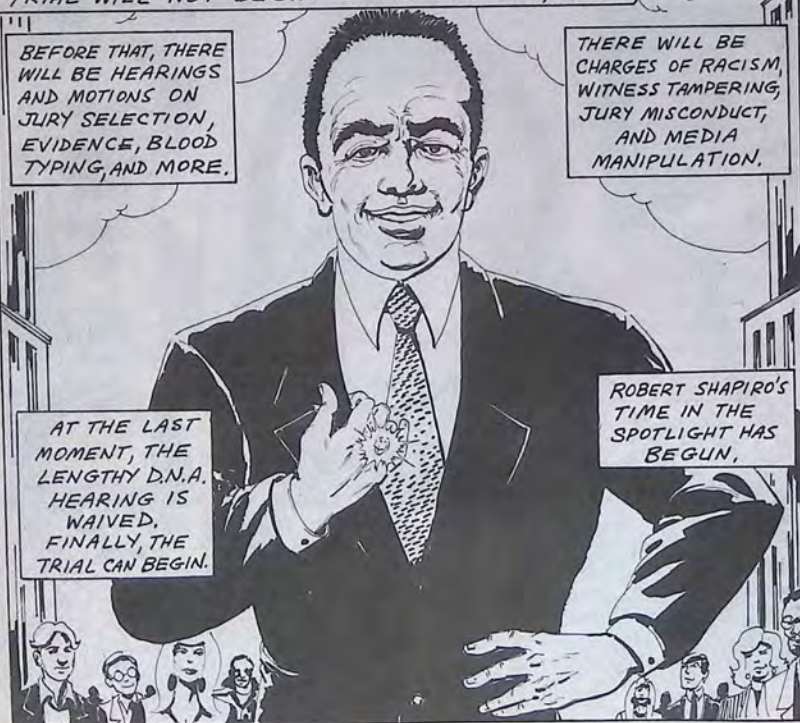
AND SO, THE PRE-TRIAL JOCKEYING FOR POSITION BEGINS. INDICTED IN JULY OF 1994, OPENING ARGUMENTS FOR O.J.'S TRIAL WILL NOT BEGIN UNTIL JANUARY, 1995.

BEFORE THAT, THERE WILL BE HEARINGS AND MOTIONS ON JURY SELECTION, EVIDENCE, BLOOD TYPING, AND MORE.

THERE WILL BE CHARGES OF RACISM, WITNESS TAMPERING, JURY MISCONDUCT, AND MEDIA MANIPULATION.

AT THE LAST MOMENT, THE LENGTHY D.N.A. HEARING IS WAIVED. FINALLY, THE TRIAL CAN BEGIN.

ROBERT SHAPIRO'S TIME IN THE SPOTLIGHT HAS BEGUN.



END

Profiles:

Team O.J.



Johnnie Cochran - Assistant Defense Attorney

Age: 56

Background: Grew up in a middle class home in Los Angeles. His father worked for Golden State Mutual Life Insurance Company, where Johnnie worked through college. Married to wife, Dale.

Education: Los Angeles High School; UCLA undergraduate; Loyola Marymount School of Law.

Experience: Known for representing such notables as:

Reginald Denny (in his suit against LA): Forget black vs. white, the only color here is green.
Michael Jackson - Child molestation. Outcome: Charges dropped. Cochran's advice to Jackson: "Find some idiot and marry her quick."

Todd Bridges (Differ'nt Strokes star) - Outcome: Innocent of murder, guilty of assault with an odious sitcom.

Points of interest: Was once D.A. Gil Garcetti's boss on a task force investigating police shootings. Drives a Rolls Royce and a Jaguar. Denzel Washington consulted Cochran for Washington's role in the movie *Philadelphia*. Calls women "baby" and men "young man."

Style: Clarence Darrow meets Shaft.

Best feature: Shrewd, well-connected, African-American attorney.

Worst feature: Looks like Lamont Sanford.

Likely impact of OJ trial: Handles Michael Jackson's inevitable divorce.

F. Lee Bailey - Assistant Defense Attorney

Age: 61

Background: Grew up in Boston suburbs; married four times; left Harvard to enlist as a pilot during the Korean war, but was instead stationed in North Carolina.

Education: Prep school; Harvard for two years; Boston University Law School.

Experience: Bailey's legal career actually began because his North Carolina naval base was short on legal staff.

The experience led to his attending law school immediately after his Naval discharge.

He has been counsel on over 1000 cases during his 35-year career, a number of them truly high-profile. His first big success was his defense of Dr. Sam Sheppard, a Cleveland doctor whose acquittal became the basis for the television show and hit movie, *The Fugitive*. He has also lost a few famous cases, including the case of "The Boston Strangler," Albert DeSalvo, and the 1970s Patty Hearst case.

Points of interest: Probably the wealthiest of the trial's lawyers; loves boating and flying, and is a trained pilot. A true character, he has: flown a plane upside-down under San Francisco's Golden Gate Bridge, for reasons known only to himself; been defended on a drunk driving charge by Robert Shapiro; saved himself from bankruptcy by his ability to garner \$10,000 per speaking engagement; insisted that Robert Redford play him in a film.

Style: Perry Mason meets Tommy Lee Jones.

Best feature: His occasional bouts of inexplicable behavior.

Worst feature: His tendency to wear plaid K-Mart blazers.

Likely impact of OJ trial: None whatsoever.



Team O.J.



Gerald Uelman - Assistant Defense Attorney

Age: 53

Position: Retired Dean of Santa Clara Law School.

Background: Born in Greendale, Wisconsin, moved to California. Married to wife, Martha. Three children.

Education: Mt. Carmel Parochial high school; Loyola Marymount undergraduate; Georgetown Law School.

Experience: Former United States Attorney in Los Angeles, expert in death penalty cases, constitutional law, and appeal issues.

Points of Interest: Uelman once co-authored a book, believe it or not, on courtroom humor. Worked with Robert Shapiro on the Christian Brando case. Nicknamed "the Cobra" from when he was prosecuting organized crime. Very religious.

Style: The ruffled scholar.

Best feature: Grandfatherly image.

Worst feature: Weak slapshot.

Likely impact of OJ trial: Quaker Oats endorsement deal.

Alan Dershowitz - Assistant Defense Attorney

Age: 56

Birthplace: Brooklyn, NY

Education: Yeshiva University high school; Brooklyn College, undergrad; Yale, law degree.

Background: Born in the predominantly Jewish neighborhood of Boro Park, Brooklyn. Father owned a wholesale clothing store. Wiseass kid, poor student, straightened out in college. Currently a Harvard University Law Professor.

Experience: His client list reads like an all-time rogues gallery. Has defended such charmers as Michael Milken, Jeffrey "Fatal Vision" MacDonald, Jim Bakker, and Leona Helmsley. Lost appeals for Mike Tyson and infamous spy Jonathan Pollard, convicted of spying on America for Israel. Won appeal for David Crosby on drug charges, freeing him (hide the Twinkies). Also regularly takes on appeals cases in which he feels the "little guy" is getting squashed by the system. This he's able to do thanks to his \$100,000 a year Harvard salary and his lawyer fee of \$500 per hour.

Points of interest: A colleague once noted: "The most dangerous place in the criminal justice system isn't prison, it's between Alan Dershowitz and a television camera." Dershowitz also once wrote a novel with a heroic lead character based clearly on -- himself.

Best feature: Personal grooming reminiscent of the great Larry Fine.

Worst feature: Personal grooming reminiscent of the great Larry Fine.

Likely impact of OJ trial: Declares himself Emperor.



Judge Lance Ito



Age: 43

Job Title: Superior Court Judge

Background: Parents met during World War II in a Japanese internment camp located on the infield at Santa Anita Racetrack.

Both his parents were southern California school teachers. He grew up in

Los Angeles, where he was active in student politics and the Boy Scouts. Is married to Captain Margaret York of the LAPD.

Education: UCLA undergraduate; Boalt Hall School of Law.

Experience: Joined an 18-member corporate law firm upon graduation in 1975. In 1977 joined the Los Angeles District Attorney's Office, where he worked on a team drafting special anti-gang legislation. Was appointed Municipal Court judge in 1987 and was elevated to Superior Court judge in 1989.

Points of Interest: Despite his parents internment at Santa Anita Racetrack, Ito still attends horse races, but goes to Hollywood Park Racetrack instead (he states, "one has to have some principles"). He's a long distance runner and a lover of dogs, especially Doberman Pinschers. His wife, Captain York, is the highest-ranking female officer in the LAPD. She was at one time a member of the only all-female homicide duo in the nation; the duo was in fact used as the basis for the hit tv series "Cagney & Lacey."

Style: Low-key to the point of deep REM.

His stated "Judicial Rule of Thumb": "The Sirens of mythology pale in comparison to the allure of seeing yourself on CNN. The results, however, can be about the same."

Worst feature: His judicial rule of thumb.

Best feature: Can nail a trifecta with one glance at a program.

Likely impact of OJ trial: Fan mail from Rusty the bailiff.

THE JURY

We may have become an O.J. Nation, but right now there are twelve people in all of America who hold O.J. Simpson's fate in their hands. After Teams Marcia and Shapiro finish posing, meet the folks who'll decide where O.J. spends his next 30 years.

1. A black female, aged 50, employed as a vendor. *Currently convinced an Alan Dershowitz Chia Pet will put her business right over the top.*
2. A black female, aged 25, employed as a flight attendant. *Chosen for that keen insight and biting intelligence stewardesses are noted for. Just let her serve coffee and peanuts and tell her not to snore.*
3. A male of American Indian and white heritage, aged 52, who teaches high school. *Good morning, class -- can you say, "Incredibly-friekin'-guilty?"*
4. A Hispanic male, aged 32, who drives a soft drink delivery truck. *The jury's sole blue-collar guy. Will probably have Denise Brown's phone number by day two.*
5. A black female, aged 38, employed as an environmental health specialist. *What the hell is an environmental health specialist? And what sap pays this woman to be one? (Did someone say, "federally-funded?")*
6. A black male, aged 48, who works for the Hertz rent-a-car firm. *Are they kidding with this guy? I guess none of the Buffalo Bills were available.*
7. A black female, aged 38, who works as an employment interviewer. *I'm sorry you lost, Mr. Shapiro. I think we may have an opening soon in the custodial field, Mr. Shapiro. Please don't cry, Mr. Shapiro...*
8. A black female, aged 37, employed as a post office mail sorter. *Oh great, a postal worker. Will probably arrive wrinkled, 3 days late, and demanding a raise.*
9. A black female, aged 52, employed as a clerk. *I don't care what she told Shapiro, clerks read The Enquirer cover to cover.*
10. A Hispanic female, aged 38, who works as a letter carrier. *Good lord, another postal worker. It's better put a MASH unit in the hallway.*
11. A white female, aged 22, employed as an insurance claims adjuster. *The sole white female on the jury. O.J. better hope she never saw "12 Angry Men."*
12. A black male, aged 46, who works as a courier. *For when it absolutely, positively, has to be a hung jury.*

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

We were unprepared for the mountain of mail we received concerning the O.J./Nicole comic (see last issue). You can imagine the range of stuff we got (well, perhaps you can't, actually). Here's a smattering of some of the less hysterical comments.

First Amendment,

Every day, there seems to be more evidence coming in against O.J. However, I have a problem believing he's guilty, as so many of his colleagues in sports and show biz (Al Michaels, Leslie Nielsen), have nothing but positive things to say about him. How could such a respected and loved public figure commit such a horrible crime?

An interesting point. The theory among the amateurs here is that O.J. has an extreme case of an ailment which occurs in some athletes -- he has a blind spot when it comes to women. Following his arrest, as reports poured in from various O.J. colleagues, all painting the picture of the ultimate "nice guy," one thing became painfully clear: none of these reports were from women. The history of his treatment of Nicole, the 911 tape, his reported infidelities during his first marriage -- all these point to the kind of guy who sees women more as possessions than people. IF O.J. is guilty, (and we'll face up to that one in a bit), it may be that the roots of this crime go all the way back to high school, when O.J. became the football hero who had his pick among his female classmates. With this in mind, the testimony of O.J.'s ex-wife Marguerite should make for interesting viewing.

Guys,

Read your last comic with interest. It strikes me that of all the OJ-related publications out there, yours can least be called biased, as you have at least presented both sides of the story. But showing both sides can also be a gutless way around having an opinion. So what is the consensus among your editors on O.J.'s guilt?

First off, we must remember that O.J. is innocent until proven guilty -- in a court of law. Outside of court, however -- well, everyone's entitled to their opinion. Now that the jury is sequestered, and anything the press says is moot (and we are press members, even if we occupy one of the media's odder corners), we feel a bit freer to take sides. While our editors have differing opinions, there is definitely a majority that feels the weight of the physical evidence is simply too much to ignore. The toughest-to-explain points:

-- O.J.'s past pattern of abuse, now

coming to light thanks to Nicole's safe-deposit box; -- The DNA blood matches, confirming the presence of the victims' blood in O.J.'s car, as well as his own blood at the crime scene;

-- The testimony of Kato Kaelin and limo driver Allan Park concerning his behavior the night of the crime;

-- His fleeing on Bronco Friday with his passport and \$10,000 in cash;

-- His status on the "big three" of a crime suspect: O.J. had motive (his well-documented jealousy), means (he had the physical ability to commit these crimes), and opportunity (as confirmed by the testimony of Kaelin and Park).

These are the facts as they stand now, pre-trial; what will happen to them at trial is anyone's guess. And never mind cloudier allegations like O.J.'s possession of Nicole's missing keys, the blood-stained glove found at his estate, his purchase of a knife, etc. We're well-aware that most public commentators are extremely wary of taking sides on the case; and for the first O.J. comic, we stuck to that. But for most of us here, true knowledge of the current evidence leads to O.J., and nobody else. Even his defenders here have their doubts.

If we're wrong, we're wrong -- it's just our opinion. But let's face it: if he's innocent, this case ranks as the most elaborate frame-up since Eve fed Adam.

A last point: GUILTY is not our prediction for the jury's decision. With all the conflicting loyalties which will emerge in-court, particularly along race and gender lines, our present prediction is: HUNG JURY. We hope we're wrong.

First Amendment,

How can you guys justify publishing a comic on the horrific O.J. Simpson case? Clearly, you don't care about O.J. receiving a fair trial.

Oh god, not this one again. Look, as explained above, we presented both sides. That's reporting, not tampering. And don't look now, but with big book deals for both O.J. and the Brown family, the principals are once again cashing in (remember Joey Buttafuoco's movie deals? Kerrigan's endorsements?). Frankly, at this stage of O.J.-mania, we're pleased we've at least ignored theories like "the dog and Marcus Allen did it" or "the Republicans did it to win the '96 Presidency." I mean, after all -- we're not Geraldo.

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EVIDENCE SCORECARD

Hey kids — you be the jury! Keep track of which side scores points on the following key evidence during the trial of the century. Just place a check in the appropriate box — then make the final decision!

Evidence	For The Prosecution	For The Defense	I'm Confused
Bloody glove			
OJ's crime scene blood			
Blood on Bronco			
OJ's injured hand			
OJ lied to limo driver			
DNA -- Reliable?			
Did OJ Have Enough Time?			
Did OJ Buy A Knife?			
OJ's Alibi			

Your Decision On The Juice:

Thumbs
Up _____

Thumbs
Down _____

Oh no!
Mistrial _____

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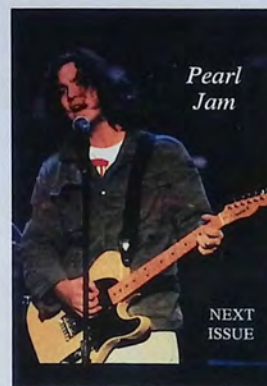
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